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Monthly report
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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1910

The Public Library has Completed the First Month of its Existence and has The Following Interesting Statistics to Show

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. of Vol. at beginning of month	198	78	276
No. vol. added by purchase	20	24	44
No. vol. added by gift	76	9	85
Total No. vol. in library			405
Circulation			
Total No. class books issued to	86	198	284
Total No. of fiction issued to	608	224	832
Total circulation for the month			1116
Average daily circulation			37
Percentage of fiction circulated			34
Registration			
Borrowers registered during the month	129	228	357

The following patrons have presented books to the library:

Mrs. Cox	2 volumns
Mrs. John Mason	3 volumns
Miss Ida Phillips	2 volumns
Mr. Tom Richards	75 volumns
Mr. Wickey	1 volumn
Mrs. Reese Williams	2 volumns

We have had a total number of 2431 visitors in the library. Are you one of these?

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LIBRARIAN MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Library Is Now In The Second Year.

Growth Is Phenominal; Patrons Are Making Best of What They Have.

I have the honor to present to the board of trustees the first annual report of the East Chicago Public Library covering the year September 16, 1909 to September 30, 1910.

The East Chicago library was opened for circulation March 1, 1910 in East Chicago and March 8, 1910 in Indiana Harbor. At the time of the opening we had 739 volumns of our own. These were suppliemented by several traveling libraries which were loaned us by the Indiana Public Library commission. The books were divided between the two parts of the library. New books have been added to our nest egg of 739 volumns so that by September 30th there were in the library 1986 volumns. Of this number 1350 were acquired by purchase and 675 were given by interested friends The Tuesday Reading club contributed a number of volumns to begin with and a "book shower" at the Harbor library brought in quite a few more. 615 of our total number of volumns are juvenile books.

Periodicals

We now receive currently 75 periodicals and two copies of 29. The public is making more and more use of our periodicals and they are quite well read. We receive in addition to the magazines the local newspapers through the courtesy of the editors and one Chicago paper and one Indianapolis paper.

Circulation

During the seven months that the library has been open the circulation has been 12,698 or an average circulation of about 6 or 7 for each book. This is I think a very good showing. It may be due to the fact that the libary is new and a novelty but I feel that there are yet a number of people who do not realize that there is a public library established. 1098 people have taken out cards but compared to the population of East Chicago this number is small. 616 of our borrowers are juvenile.

Children

The children have appreciated the library very much and have been enthusiastic borrowers. When we first opened every juvenile book we had was drawn out within the first two or three days and our juvenile shelves were empty. This is the only instance I know of where every juvenile book was taken out. We have more juvenile books now and hope although we may not always have in the special book wanted, that we will always have some book to give a reader. The children are using the library quite a little in connection with their school work.

From time to time, we have made bulletins on subjects of current interest and have brought before our readers the resources of the library on that subject.

Reference

The reference work is increasing. The first few months there was very little in the way of reference questions to look up, but as the library becomes better known and as our resources increase there are more and more questions to be answered. The Men's club and the Tuesday Reading club of East Chicago and the Christian Culture club in the Harbor are the organizations whose members use it most.

Advertising

The library has been brought before the public through the local papers whose editors have always been will-